

How to write a good Research Question

Now that you have connected your topics to frameworks and to social studies skills, you have to write a research question that will outline what you want to talk about in your I-Search project. Here are some examples of how to turn a topic into a good research question. Remember your question should not be a **Literal** (right there or a think and search) question. Your question should be an **Inferential (author and you)** or an **Evaluative (on your own)**.

EXAMPLE:

Topic: Industrial Revolution

Skills Connection: Economy, cultural and geographical

Literal (Right there or Think and Search) questions:

When did the Industrial Revolution take place?

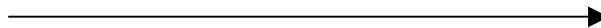
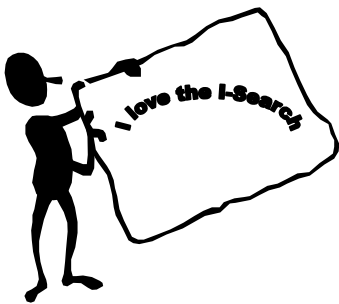
How long did the Industrial Revolution last?

Inferential (Author and you) or Evaluative (On your Own) questions:

- How did the Industrial Revolution impact the social structure of society? (skills: cultural, economical, historical)
- How did the people of Great Britain's life change after the Industrial Revolution? (skills: cultural, economical, historical)
- What role did the government play in the new industries created by the Industrial Revolution? (skills: economical, political, historical)

Now it is your turn!

*Directions: Take a look at your topics and choose your top three choices. Create at least **two literal questions** (right there and think and search questions) along with **two inferential questions** (author and you) and **evaluative** (on your own) questions. By creating different types of questions you will be able to identify the question that is good to use for research. Remember to keep the social studies skills in mind when you are writing your research question. Feel free to use the **QAR question starters** to help guide your question development*



Topic	Literal (Right there or Think and Search question)	Inferential (Author and you) or Evaluative (On your Own) questions <i>What you will use for your I-Search</i>
Choice #1 <hr/>	1. 2.	1. 2.
Choice #2 <hr/>	1. 2.	1. 2.
Choice #3 <hr/>	1. 2.	1. 2.